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English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Program Advisory Committee Agenda

April 3, 2018
3:00-5:00 pm
H1005

Members:

Ron Burdock	Kristen Loblaw	Martha Mayorga (notes)	Denise Taylor-Edwards
Kim Cechetto	Kara McKeon	Adair Meehan	<u>Guest:</u> Steve Patterson
Tracey Cunningham	Saurabh Malhotra	David Rundle	
Kristibeth Kelly	Corinne Marshall	Stephanie Samboo	
Kate Kennedy	Tina Martin	John Stevens	

Regrets:

Sheila Carson, Huda Hussein, Kim Otto

1. Welcome to continuing and new members!
2. 2017-18 Overview
 - Vietnam recruitment trip – Kim Cechetto with agents
 - Growth – 2017 Fall, the ELI close to 500 students enrolled in the program, no classroom space
 - October 16th, 2017 – Faculty strike – numbers lowered. International Office partnered with ELI planning different activities and field trips for our International students (e.g. Niagara Falls). Change of Academic calendar for two consecutive semesters, but overall there was no big impact from the strike.
3. P/S Pilot Projects
 - ELI is supporting International students in different post-secondary programs. First year Aviation program students have a diagnostic test to identify students that are at risk of not succeeding because of language problems. We provide a special blended course -- 2 hours in class; 1 hour online -- also, we have a teacher on site observing labs, and making sure students understand the procedure/instructions from Post-Sec teacher. The idea is to provide similar support for more post-secondary programs with high concentrations of ELL students.



- Practical Elements of Mechanical (PEM), and Applied Mechanical Design (AMD)

Pilot project for end of April 2018. We are helping in five areas:

1. Canadian Business Culture (cultural differences, like being on time, acting & dressing professionally).
2. Canadian Academic Culture (professor expectations and student responsibilities)
3. Academic Integrity (cultural implications of cheating and plagiarism)
4. Grammar and Writing (email etiquette, capitalization, punctuation, value-added words, succinct writing).

4. GAP5 (Domestic EAP)

- New Canadians, permanent residents, and refugees
- GAP5 is frequently viewed as “Next Step” after community ESL, usually students heading to college or university
- OSAP eligible for 1 year (4 levels)
- Exit level 8 – 80% marks, or level 9 with 75% or level 10 with 80%.

5. Integration Facilitation Update

- Integrating students to the community; volunteering in the community, Ronald MacDonald House, tree planting
- Integrate our students to our Canadian culture through activities such as skating, visiting the maple sugar bush, participating in the Terry Fox Run, etc.

6. Other Business

- John Stevens retired in December
- Corinne Marshall will be going on a sabbatical year, starting in September

7. Adjournment – Next PAC Meeting on October 16, 2018.